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PRICES DROP AT T WHARF.

Have Been Kept Up by Extra Demand For Fish.

The drop in prices of off shore haddock and cod which has been looked for some time, but which an extra large demand for fish has warded off for some time, in spite of over large receipts, came this morning, and even now the figures cannot be called low, though they appear low when compared with the big prices which have prevailed generally throughout the winter. Off shore haddock are bringing \$2.25 today, with large cod at \$2.50 and market cod \$1.60 to \$1.75.

The market boats also come in for a cut and the skippers say, too, that haddock are "dropping off" along shore.

Whatever comes now for a while, in the shape of reduced prices or smaller fares, there is little chance to kick, for the season has been an extra good one in every respect. That the price of off shore fish will go off seems a certainty as the time is now close at hand when the big codfish trips from Georges and mammoth haddock fares from La Have banks are due to begin to pile in.

This morning there are 24 arrivals at T wharf, with three off shore among them the trio being schs. Pontiac, Natalie J. Nelson and Conqueror, the latter having 40,000 pounds of cod, in her fare of 53,000 pounds. The other two vessels have good fares.

The shore boat fares do not average up very heavy, the bulk of them running from 4000 to 10,000 pounds. There are some fine ones in the bunch, however, for Capt. Frank Watts in sch. Gladys and Nellie is keeping up his grand work and has 21,000 pounds. Schs. Sylvia M. Nunan, Rose Standish and Yankee also have nice fares and the Provincetowners Rose Dorothea and Matchless have what they want after.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Cherokee, 2000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, 7500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Steamer Lydia, 1000 haddock, 900 cod, 700 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 500 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1300 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Galatea, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Conqueror, 12,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Emily Sears, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 19,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Motor, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Topsail Girl, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2300 haddock, 1200 cod, 300 pollock.
Sch. Yankee, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Pontiac, 28,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson 38,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Dixie, 600 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Buema, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 500 cusk, 200 pollock.
Georges haddock, \$2.25 per cwt.; Georges large cod, \$2.50; Georges market cod, \$1.60 to \$1.75; shore haddock, \$3.50; shore cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.

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RECEIPTS LIGHT AT CLOSE OF WEEK

Confined to Shore Boats and Pollockers.

The week closes with very light receipts here. It has been quite calm all night and this morning brings but one arrival, a shore boat with but 1000 pounds of fresh fish.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Nomad landed 8000 pounds of fresh fish and steamer Bessie M. Dugan had 1000 pounds of pollock. Sch. Mary DeCosta took out 4000 pounds of fresh codfish and sloop Maxwell brought in 1500 pounds of the same sort of fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sloop Maxwell, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Florida, pollock seining.
Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.
Steamer Mascot, pollock seining.
Steamer Mystery, pollock seining.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.
Sch. Tartar, Noank Conn.
Steamer Pet, Portland.
Sch. Margaret, via Portland.
Steamer Joppaite, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Bohemia, salt banking.
Sch. Selma, Georges halibuting.
Sch. Catherine Burke, Georges halibuting.
Steamer Nomad, pollock seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.
Georges halibut, 17 cents per lb. for white and 14 1-2 cents for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt headline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

Portland Fish Notes.

During this week there have been four halibut craft enter port and their total fares have aggregated nearly 90,000 pounds, making the biggest week not only for this winter but for several winters.

Another Gloucester halibut catcher was in port Thursday, the schooner Margaret arriving from a five week's trip to Green's Banks with a fare of about 15,000 pounds. Owing to the heavy receipts of halibut this week prices have fallen, only 9 cents being paid for gray and 11 cents for white, in place of 13 and 15 cents paid for the fares landed on Monday last. The skipper reports very rough weather on the Banks, but suffered no damage.

On Friday sch. Colonial came in with 20,000 pounds of halibut and could not get an offer as good as the Margaret sold for.

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Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1909 were 30,880 barrels, against 41,082 barrels at this time last year, and 23,625 barrels up to date in 1908.

Will Go Pollock Seining.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs is fitting sch. Elmer E. Gray for pollock seining.

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BOSTON FISH PRICES FAIR.

Many Arrivals Expected Monday or Tuesday.

Eight of the market boat fleet are at T wharf this morning, four with small catches and four with pretty good trips.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart with 19,000 pounds has the largest fare, and schs. Belbina P. Domingoes, Mary Edith and Genesta have good trips.

The market is fair. Haddock brought \$3 to \$3.10, with large cod at \$3 to \$3.75 and hake from \$3.50 to \$5.

With the recent good weather, the dealers are looking for a big bunch of the off shore Georges haddocks on Monday or Tuesday.

The reason for the failure of the fishermen to reach T wharf Thursday was made known yesterday morning, and well illustrates the big part chance has in the fishing business. A fleet of the fishermen which had been out on Georges and had taken good catches, had started Wednesday for Boston. They were being helped on by a favorable wind, and had crowded on all the sail the vessels would bear, and the men were rejoicing in the prospect of the big shares they would have.

Everything went well until the vessels, led by the Pontiac and the Natalie J. Nelson, reached the northern end of Georges, when the wind died out, and left them without power to proceed. For four hours the vessels lay there with only wind enough to prevent the vessels from reaching T wharf Thursday, and the big shares the men had in view melted away like other visions as they watched the sky for a symptom of a breeze.

For the week ending March 4, 83 fares of fresh fish, aggregating 1,822,800 pounds, were landed at Boston, as against 96 arrivals with 1,952,500 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Marguerite, 3000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
Br. sch. Strathcona, frozen herring via Gloucester.
Sch. Elizabeth N., frozen herring via Gloucester.
Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Lillian, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 3000 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1800 pollock.
Sch. Thalia, 5000 haddock, 300 cod, 1500 pollock.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.25.

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POLLOCK SCHOOL DISAPPEARED.

Fleet Has Gone East in Search of the Fish.

It looks as though pollock seining had a black eye for a while at least. During the past two days the fleet has had the finest kind of a chance to fish as ever was and has cruised from Eastern Point to Portland and back and not seen a ripple.

Some of the larger vessels of the fleet did not stop when Portland was reached but kept on way to the eastward, determined to give the game a good try and have a thorough search all the length of the Maine coast.

Some of the smaller crafts came in here last night, while others started off to the eastward again. Others remained off around Boon Island ledge where schs. Little Fanny and Thomas J. Carroll got their hauls early in the week. Steamer Bessie M. Dugan brought in 1000 pounds, the net result of the only school seen for the trip.

PORTLAND PRICES DROPPED

Halibut Sold Yesterday Below Gloucester Prices.

Halibut prices at Portland took a sudden and unexpected drop Thursday and Friday, and the vessels which ran there to market were forced to face a cut which was anything but relished by the skippers and crews.

The first of the week, halibut fares sold there at 14 cents per pound for white and 11 cents for gray for the first fare, the second receiving 12 1-2 cents per pound right through. The next day a fare sold for 14 for white and 12 for gray, and when the Margaret got there Thursday, the best offer she got was 11 cents for white and 9 cents for gray, a sudden and unexpected drop of three cents all round. Then sch. Colonial which arrived there yesterday could not even get the offer made the Margaret and was forced to sell at 10 cents for white and 8 cents for gray.

At this port, at the same time the American Halibut Company bought the 3000 pound fare of sch. Marsala for 17 cents per pound for white and 14 1-2 cents per pound for gray and the officials of both halibut concerns here agree that had a good sizable trip been here yesterday morning, it would have easily have brought 12 cents for white and 10 cents for gray.

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Has Cargo of Salted Clams.

Sch. Lillian, from Sargentville, Me., for this port, was at Portland yesterday. She is bringing a load of salted clams.

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POLLOCK FLEET AGAIN FIND FISH.

From the latest reports from the Maine coast it would seem that the pollock fleet had located the fish off Boothbay. A telephone message from there Saturday afternoon stated that five of the fleet were in and had taken from 10,000 to 15,000 pounds each.

Another message which was received yesterday from Portland stated that pollock had struck solid off Boothbay and the Portland Cold Storage Co., had word from Boothbay that several of the vessels off there had done well, some of the smaller crafts taking from 25,000 to 30,000 pounds.

Some of the crafts which have come home from the eastward seem to think that the outlook for good pollock fishing down that way is anything but good, but it is thought, in the face of the above reports, that they must have come away before the pollock struck.

Five of the pollock seining fleet were reported at Boothbay Harbor Saturday night and Sunday, with from 5000 to 10,000 pounds each of pollock. Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, expects to sail today pollock seining, to the eastward.

Sch. Tartar, which came up from Noank, Conn., to engage in this fishery, sailed yesterday, going to the eastward.

Some of the pollock fleet have made port here for harbor, but the bulk of the fleet is to the eastward, on the Maine coast. The skippers are hoping that the easterly of yesterday this morning will stir the fish up so that they will school freely and show as they did off here early in February.

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Spoken on Georges.

Capt. Thomas Downey of sch. Fannie E. Prescott reports speaking sch. Etta Mildred on Georges. A big fleet of haddockers also came on the ground Friday, the day the Prescott left for home.

Spoken on Quero Bank.

Capt. Donald McCoish of sch. Mystery reports speaking schs. Preceptor and Yakima on Quero bank.

NEW PLAN OF SELLING HALIBUT WENT INTO OPERATION TODAY.

Fish Sold at This Port With Heads on and No Deduction Made.

Prices Today Better Than Vessels at Portland Received.

There are three fares of fresh halibut at Portland this morning, schs. Harvard and Grayling of the Georges handline codfishing fleet, and both from the firm of Orlando Merchant of this port, and the straight halibut fishing sch. Waldo L. Stream of this port. The new plan of buying heads and all, and no deduction is being tried here today for the first time and the price is better than at Portland where the heads are taken off before weighing.

Sch. Grayling has 24,000 pounds of salt cod and 7000 pounds of halibut, sch. Harvard 25,000 pounds of salt cod, 10,000 pounds of fresh cod and 7000 pounds of halibut and sch. Waldo L. Stream 12,000 pounds of halibut.

The fare of sch. Mystery sold here this morning to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray. This is the first fare of halibut to be sold here under the new plan decided upon last week, that of not

taking off 14 pounds per hundred pounds for the heads, as has been the custom for many years, but instead buying the fish just as haddock and cod are bought, with the heads on as usual, but making no deduction whatever for the heads, in short just buying the whole fish, head and all.

The price paid this morning is the same as was paid in Portland Saturday for the fare of sch. Colonial which trip was weighed and bought minus the heads, so the figure paid here today must be considered an advance, and this too with 15 cars of Pacific halibut in or due at Boston and New York today.

The fare of sch. Pauline sold here this morning to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray, with the heads on and no deduction of 14 pounds per hundred for the heads.

This morning the three fares at Portland are selling on a three cull basis at 10, 8 and 7 cents, in the regular Portland style, being weighed with the heads off, so the prices here today are considerably better than that at Maine's leading fish city.

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HAS BIGGEST COD CATCH OF SEASON

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott Brings Good Trip From Georges.

The easterly of yesterday brought along a few of the fishing fleet with trips and the continuance of the wind from a southeast quarter this morning, with general storm accompaniment, sent quite a number of the market boats and pollockers scurrying to port for harbor.

The banner trip is that of sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey. The craft is from the shoal water of Georges and Capt. Downey hails his catch at 80,000 pounds of fresh cod and 20,000 pounds of haddock, not only the biggest cod catch of the season, but also one of the two largest trips brought in by the offshore haddock fleet this winter. Capt. Downey struck a fine cod spot and hauled back 35,000 pounds on the first short set.

Sch. Mystery, Capt. Donald McCoish, from Quero bank, has 15,000 pounds of fresh halibut and sch. Effie M. Prior from the Maine coast, pollock seining, brings 30,000 pounds of fresh pollock. Yesterday the steamer Nomad brought in 2500 pounds of fresh fish and late Saturday afternoon the same craft had 3000 pounds.

Sch. Colonial arrived yesterday from Portland, where she took out her fare of halibut and sch. Pauline came in late Saturday from Georges handlining, with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 1000 pounds of halibut.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod 4000 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mystery, Quero Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Nomad, shore, (Sunday), 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh haddock.

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Sch. Colonial, via Portland.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, pollock seining, 30,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Sch. Electric Flash, pollock seining.
Sch. Thalia, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Eglantine, pollock seining, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Boston.
Sch. Valentinna, Boston.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.
Sch. Tartar, pollock seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.

Georges halibut, 17 cents per lb. for white and 14 1-2 cents for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50! mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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PACIFIC HALIBUT.

Fifteen cars of Pacific halibut are due east here today, seven cars at New York and eight cars at Boston.